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#### GUTHRIE AT WRITERS' CONFERENCE

A. B. Guthrie, Jr., Pulitzer Prize winner and author of "The Big Sky", "The Way West" and "These Thousand Hills", will once again be on the staff of the Montana State University Writers' Conference during the week of July 21-26, according to H. V. Larom, conference director.

Guthrie, a veteran staff member of the Breadloaf Writers' Conference, and one of the original members of the Montana conference 10 years ago, will launch the first session on Monday afternoon, July 21, with a talk on how to get the most out of attending each session. He will read fiction manuscripts and will act as master of ceremonies at the 10th anniversary writers' dinner to be held at the MSU Lodge on Saturday, July 26. A number of other Montana writers not on the regular staff will also attend the dinner and serve on panel discussions during the day to discuss Northwest and Montana writing in particular, according to Larom.

Another Northwest writer on the staff will be Washington's Archie Binns, author of 17 volumes, many of them concerning Pacific Northwest history. He will specialize in nonfiction and historical writing, Larom said, and will lecture, serve on panel discussions, and read manuscripts.

To deal with the popular article, the University has obtained the services of Albert Q. Maisel, who has sold more than 350 nonfiction pieces, many of them to The Reader's Digest. Although he has written on many subjects, his specialty is science writing, Larom said, and he is the winner of the Lasker

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Medical Journalism award, the Adolph Meyer award, and the George Westinghouse Science award.

Bernard Malamud, now teaching at Oregon State, will be another nationally known novelist on the staff, Larom said. "His novel 'The Assistant' was a runner-up for the National Book Award this year," he added, "and his volume of short stories, 'The Magic Barrel', has received more notice and more serious reviewing than any such writing I know of in recent years."

"Every effort has been made to keep Conference costs down this year," Larom added. Entrance to all sessions including the reading of one manuscript, plus the cost of the conference dinner costs \$25. Rooms on the campus are available for \$1.25 per night, and meals are available at student rates at the University Lodge. A brochure and full information can be had by writing Larom at the University.

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